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NAIROBI FOR DCM LINDSTROM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN, LT

SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE UNGA: LESOTHO

REF: A. NAIROBI 9931 (NOTAL); B. MASERU 1169

1. NEW MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOLAPO CALLED CHARGE TO HIS OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON TO ADVISE THAT MINISTRY HAD REACHED FIRM DECISION TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION IN PLENARY. HE SAID INSTRUCTION ALREADY SENT TO LESOTHO UN DELEGATION ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT NOT REACH NEW YORK BEFORE EMBASSY'S MESSAGE. IN ANY CASE, MOLAPO SAID THERE NO OBJECTION TO USUN DISCUSSING DECISION WITH LESOTHO PERMREP NOTO. MOLAPO SAID DECISION WAS VERY CLEAR: LESOTHO WOULD NOT ABSTAIN, WOULD NOT BE ABSENT, BUT WOULD VOTE YES ON U.S.-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AND NO ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

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2. MOLAPO SAID HE WANTED U.S. GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND

VERY CLEARLY HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR LESOTHO TO TAKE POSITION AT ODDS WITH AF AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. HE SAID LESOTHO HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO RIDICULE AND CONTEMPT FOR DIVERGING FROM OAU/NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS IN PAST AND WANTED TO BE SURE U.S. REALIZED WHAT IT WAS ASKING IN THIS CASE. NEVERTHELESS, MOLAPO SAID LESOTHO WAS OPPOSED TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT EXCLUDED SOUTH KOREA FROM VOICE IN ITS OWN FUTURE AND WAS NOT ASHAMED TO VOTE AGAINST IT, BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DO SO.

3. CHARGE THANKED MINISTER, SAID U.S. GOVERNMENT DID INDEED REALIZE PROBLEM LESOTHO FACED AND WOULD GENUINELY APPRECIATE THIS DECISION. SAID LESOTHO HAD TAKEN WISE AND COURAGEOUS DECISION WHICH WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED BY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT EXCLUSION OF SOUTH KOREA BY HOSTILE RESOLUTION WAS ONE OF PRINCIPAL REASONS WE OPPOSED IT.

4. IN CLOSING, MINISTER AGAIN SAID HE WANTED U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REMEMBER THIS.

5. FOR NAIROBI: SUGGEST YOU PASS ONLY SUBSTANCE OF DECISION TO AMB. YEON, NOT DETAILS OF CONVERSATION.
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